New Unified Building Bye-Laws

743. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new 'Unified Building Bye-Laws' notification issued by Union Government recently has been widely criticised;

(b) if so, whether Government have received a spate of representations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) It is not correct to state that new 'Unified Building Bye-Laws' notification was issued by Union Government recently.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Seminar Organised by NCERT

744. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any International Seminar was recently organised by the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) under the aegis of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP);

(b) how many countries participated in this Seminar indicating outcome of discussion held and recommendations, if any, made; and

(c) whether representatives, of UNICEF, DDA, World Bank, European Community, UNESCO, the International Institute for Educational Planning (Paris), MHRD, NIEPA also participated and whether any financial assistance/ programmes or any other help has been offered to India and where the next such International Seminar is likely to be held?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) More than 80 scholars of National and International standing from USA, United Kingdom, Netherland, Bangladesh and India participated in the Seminar. The Seminar recommended, inter-alia, promotion and dissemination of school based action research activities, giving priority to achievement tests and diagnostic tests, identification of factors hindering effective management of village schools and organisation of short cycle need-based skill-oriented courses in research methodology to improve quality of educational research in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir. The discussion was academic and did not cover financial assistance. NCERT would hold the next International Research Seminar in July, 1996.

Visit of World Bank Team in Latur-Osmanabad Area

745. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank team recently visited the earth-quake ravaged areas of Latur-Osmanabad belt;

(b) if so, what was their assessment of the progress made in the rehabilitation programme; and

(c) what further steps are being taken by Government in pursuance of the Rehabilitation programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) A World